

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 954
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to commend Kim Wise, founder of Structured Athletics for Challenged Children, for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kim Wise is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as Executive Director of Structured Athletics for Challenged Children (SACC), an organization she also founded, Kim Wise has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, inspired by her son, Trey, Mrs. Wise founded SACC in Mooresville, North Carolina, in 1996, as a way to offer mentally and/or physically challenged children an opportunity to participate in structured athletic programs; the program began with 32 participants in North Carolina and currently offers programs in six counties in North Carolina and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, some of the many activities available to SACC participants include baseball, bowling, basketball, soccer, swimming, gymnastics, weight training, and martial arts; and

WHEREAS, the Wise family moved from North Carolina to Cookeville, Tennessee, in 1997, and Kim Wise has continued her incredible passion and heart warming devotion to SACC and the children her organization serves; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its tenth anniversary, SACC has attracted many dedicated volunteers who recognize and appreciate the socialization and therapeutic benefits of

participating in sports and how such participation can result in the strengthening of a child's self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Kim Wise's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wise is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Kim Wise is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Mike, and their three children, Spencer, Connor, and Trey; they attend First Baptist Church in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wise is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Kim Wise, founder and Executive Director of Structured Athletics for Challenged Children, for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.